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| Title: | SEAL ASSEMBLY AND ROTARY MACHINE CONTAINING SUCH SEAL | Examiner: | Reese, David C. |

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AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated 31 December 2007. Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.